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In re Patent Application of:  
Naohiro Shimada

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the above-identified U.S. patent application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

|   | Claims<br>Remaining After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously Paid | Number Extra<br>Claims Present | Rate | Additional<br>Fee |
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| Total   | 4                                      | - 28* =                              |                                | X    | 0.00              |
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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.